

## **Gateway Diary**

### ***October 2013***

Our Withernsea prayer meeting fights on. We call it our 'presence meeting', because we actively seek the real presence of God in it. It's small but stable, Annette and I, David Bartle and Melissa Jarvis. We couldn't have the meeting at Mel's house in Withernsea last week, so we had it at our house. Melissa has an ongoing brain problem that gives her nasty headaches and is baffling the doctors for a diagnosis. Her cerebral fluid pressure is abnormally high and the position of her brain is not exactly where it should be.

**Pray** – that Melissa will be healed and headache free. Often times the headaches happen on the Wednesday afternoon and prevent us from having presence meeting in Withernsea in the evening, so we know who's behind that then!

Our initial idea for forming the hub of a new church in Withernsea was to contact members of David's old church Bethesda Christian Fellowship. However the Lord has firmly closed that door. Most of the former members have left or are leaving the area. One is even emigrating to Australia.

Accordingly we decided to rent a shop-front on Withernsea high street (Queens street). This will serve as an office and a venue for our Wednesday night meetings. In addition we have an agreement with Jacobs Well so we can operate as charity shop and raise funds that way. We have asked John Beynon's church (Kings Church) if we can borrow their charity number in the short term. Annette and David have the available time to staff a shop and we can use it as way to get to know, and be known, by the community. This will in time lead to forming the hub of a new church.

We shook hands on a deal to rent 209 Queen Street. However the manager of the property isn't responding to our calls and cannot be reached. Several weeks have past and so we know the enemy is trying to scupper the deal.

**Pray** – That we'll get the keys to 209, or that the Lord will provide a better shop-front at the right rent. We need a breakthrough in this area right now.